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It is time to bring this case to a close. The government and Microsoft have come to an agreement. That agreement should prevail over all states that were a part of the initial class action suit. Individual states should not be allowed to disavow the settlement and relitigate.

Technological advances have left the initial actions and complaints so far behind as to render them totally irrelevant in today's environment. Furthermore, it becomes increasingly evident that those competitors who were never able to match Microsoft's capabilities, and therefore Microsoft's market domination, are continuing to use the government to aid them in obtaining market advantage against the company that earned it through innovation and marketing expertise. The CEO of Sun Microsystems best refocus his energies on his own company to save it before total collapse. He is responsible to the stockholders.

It is also obvious that competitors are using their state governments to proceed with further litigation. The connections are clear.

Finally, AOL is using the litigation to prevent Microsoft's increasing surge into the internet market were they presently dominate their competition (and customers) more than Microsoft ever did.

I urge you to end all litigation, enact the agreed upon settlement, and cease providing Microsoft competitors with an unfair advantage in our free enterprise system.

Thank you.

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